

Traffic Violator School Curriculum Update

New Information

Effective July 1, 2011, Traffic Violator Schools (TVS) must update their course curriculums to include information regarding TVS court dismissals changing to convictions. Information pertaining to this change in policy may be found in the OLIN 2011-08 TVS Court Dismissal Changing to Conviction memo.

In addition, each TVS must provide information to their instructors for the purpose of informing students of this new change of policy.

California courts will report traffic safety violations as convictions on a driver's record. If the driver is eligible and completes a TVS course, this conviction will be masked on the driver's record. Once a conviction is masked on a driver's record, it will not become unmasked nor assessed a violation point.

A TVS conviction will **not** be masked if:

- There is a prior TVS dismissal/conviction within the previous 18 months.
- The conviction would result in a violation point count of more than one point.
- The driver holds a commercial driver license or was operating a commercial vehicle at the time of the violation.

It is not necessary for TVS to submit their lesson plans to the DMV for approval once this update has been made.

Reminder: Effective September 1, 2011, TVS will no longer pay for completion certificates. The \$1.50 administrative fee shall no longer be collected by TVS to compensate for any completion certificate expenditures.

Background

Prior to July 1, 2011, if a California driver received a one-point traffic safety violation and qualified to attend a TVS program, the California courts would report this conviction to DMV as a dismissal upon completion of the TVS program. This previous protocol allowed ineligible drivers with TVS dismissals to have more than one TVS dismissal in an 18-month period to be added to their record.

Reference

OLIN 2011-08 TVS Court Dismissal Changing to Conviction

Distribution

Notification that this memo is available online at www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/olin/olin.htm was made via California DMV's Automated E-mail Alert System in July 2011, to the following:

- All TVS Owners, Operators, and Instructors

Contact

Questions regarding this memo may be directed to the Compliance Services and Support Unit, at (916) 229-3154.

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